



August 3, 2022

California Air Resources Board
Office of Community Air Protection
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Imperial County AB 617 Community Nominations (2022)

Dear Ms. Zaremba-Schmidt:

The Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD), in partnership with Comit  Civico del Valle, Inc. (CCV), submitted the Recommended Community of the North End of Imperial County for Year 3 of the State’s Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in 2021. This nomination has been modified to include three communities in the northern portion of the County (outside of the Year 1 Community Corridor of El Centro-Heber-Calexico) that have a high community exposure burden to air pollution, calling for the North End Phase 1 (Westmorland, Brawley, and Calipatria) to be designated an AB 617 community under CAPP, with its own Community Air Monitoring Plan and Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan.

With this year’s nomination period currently open, the ICAPCD and CCV request CARB to consider the 2022 nomination of the North End Phase 1 of Imperial County to be selected as a Year 4 Community for AB 617/CAPP. The ICAPCD and the CCV is committed to implement projects to improve our local communities in continued partnership.

ICAPCD and CCV look forward to further discussion and potential agreements with CARB in welcoming the North End of Imperial County to AB 617/CAPP as its own stand-alone community and with new funding opportunities. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact the ICAPCD at (442) 265-1800 or CCV at (760) 351-8761 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Comite Civico del Valle, Inc.

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Cc: Ms. Andrea Juarez, Office of Community Air Protection, CARB